

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A cleaning article comprising an elastomer sheet having a synthetic elastomer forming a cleaning surface, wherein said elastomer sheet has a maximum static frictional force of 9.8 to 29 N, said static frictional force being defined as that frictional force required for moving a 1 kg test weight having a flat rectangular base having a shorter side of 50 mm and a longer side of 75 mm and having said elastomer sheet stuck to the entire surface of said base of said test weight wherein movement of said test weight occurs on a horizontally disposed polypropylene carpet having cut piles 7 mm in length at a density of a 1/10 gauge and 43 stitches/10 cm wherein the movement of the test weight is in the direction parallel to that of the longer side of said base

wherein the cleaning surface of the cleaning article is smooth and substantially flat and is free of depressions ~~has a plurality of depressions which have a discontinuous shape and are arranged regularly or irregular~~

wherein hairs get entangled with each other into an aggregate and do not cling to the cleaning surface.

2. (currently amended) The cleaning article according to claim 1 ~~wherein said elastomer sheet which further~~ comprises a support of sheet form laminated with said synthetic elastomer sheet.

3. (currently amended) The cleaning article according to claim 1, wherein said synthetic elastomer has projections and depressions on the surface thereof ~~or perforations~~.

4. (original) The cleaning article according to claim 2, wherein said support comprises nonwoven fabric or a film.

5. (currently amended) The cleaning article according to claim 2, which further comprises a cushioning material, wherein said cushioning material is adhered to said support, thereby forming a composite planar structure which ~~and the elastomer sheet having said cushioning material adhered thereto~~ is folded with said synthetic elastomer outwardly facing outside.

6. (original) The cleaning article according to claim 1, which further comprises a holding member having a depression and a cushioning material having a projection to be fitted into said depression, wherein said elastomer sheet is attached to part of the surface of said cushioning material to form a cleaning

surface with said synthetic elastomer outside on fitting said cushioning material into said holding member.

7. (previously presented) The cleaning article according to claim 1, wherein said synthetic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: an urethane elastomer, a styrene elastomer, an olefin elastomer, a vinyl chloride elastomer, an ester elastomer, an amide elastomer and mixtures thereof.

8. (currently amended) A cleaning article comprising:

(a) a substrate having a first surface and a second surface parallel to said first surface;

(b) a synthetic elastomer sheet adhering to the first surface of the substrate and having an exposed cleaning surface wherein said cleaning surface has a static frictional force of 9.8 to 29 N;

(c) wherein said synthetic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: an urethane elastomer, a styrene elastomer, an olefin elastomer, a vinyl chloride elastomer, an ester elastomer, an amide elastomer and mixtures thereof;

(d) wherein said static frictional force is defined as that frictional force required for moving a 1 kg test weight having a flat rectangular base having a shorter side of 50 mm and a longer side of 75 mm and having said cleaning article stuck to

the entire surface of said base of said test weight with the cleaning surface facing a carpet; wherein movement of said test weight occurs on a horizontally disposed polypropylene carpet having cut piles 7 mm in length at a density of a 1/10 gauge and 43 stitches/10 cm wherein the movement of the test weight is in the direction parallel to that of the longer side of said base

wherein the cleaning surface of the cleaning article is smooth and flat and is free of depressions; and

wherein hairs get entangled with each other into an aggregate and do not cling to the cleaning surface.

9. (canceled)

10. (new) The cleaning article according to claim 1, wherein said synthetic elastomer has perforations.